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Hours of Operation

LA PAZ

Mondays through Thursdays
09:30 to 12:00
14:00 to 15:45
(except U.S. and local holidays)

COCHABAMBA

Temporarily Closed

SANTA CRUZ

Mondays - Fridays
9:00 to 12:00
Mondays and Wednesdays
14:00 to 16:15
(except U.S. and local holidays)

Temporary Closure of the Chancery Compound Access Control

The front entrance of the U.S. Embassy in Avenida Arce will be temporarily closed due a physical upgrade project which will improve the access to the chancery building. This project is estimated to take about three months to complete. During this time all pedestrian traffic, including visitors and employees, and all deliveries will be diverted to the employee entrance on Calle 6 de Agosto, at the rear of the building.

Existing access control and screening procedures will not change. However, there may be congestion particularly during peak visitor hours. All visitors seeking consular services are still required to have appointments.

Consular Reports of Birth Temporarily Suspended

After implementing a systematic upgrade in the way consular offices worldwide print certificates for U.S. citizens born abroad (CRBAs), the Department of State has resumed printing CRBAs. For those who submitted applications for CRBAs, the American Citizens Services section will contact you to provide information on the status of your application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at consularlapaz@state.gov.

Dengue Fever

Each year during the rainy season, tropical zones in Bolivia experience an outbreak of Dengue Fever. Tourists and short-term visitors are rarely affected, but it is worth taking extra precautions if your travel plans include visits to the tropics.

With more than one-third of the world's population living in areas at risk for transmission, dengue infection is a leading cause of illness and death in the tropics and subtropics. As many as 100 million people are infected yearly. Dengue is caused by any one of four related viruses transmitted by mosquitoes. There are not yet any vaccines to prevent infection with dengue virus (DENV) and the most effective protective measures are those that avoid mosquito bites. When infected, early recognition and prompt supportive treatment can substantially lower the risk of developing severe disease.

For additional information check the following web site <http://www.cdc.gov/dengue/FAQFacts/index.html>

Federal Voting Assistance Program Poster Contest

For the first time ever, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is opening its biennial voting poster and slogan contests to all U.S. citizens worldwide using Challenge.gov to facilitate the process.

The FVAP Slogan Contest challenge asks for slogan ideas that inspire members of the military, their families and U.S. Citizens residing overseas to start or continue to participate in elections while away from home and can be found at FVAP.gov or <http://challenge.gov/DoD/115-absentee-voting-slogan-contest>.

The FVAP Poster Contest seeks artwork illustrating what it means to be an American voter anywhere in the world. The FVAP Poster Contest details are located at FVAP.gov or <http://challenge.gov/DoD/116-absentee-voting-poster-contest>.

The winner for each contest and a guest will receive a trip to our nation's capital to participate in special events and tours. Runners-up will not only feel the satisfaction of knowing that their slogan or artwork is helping to improve voter awareness and participation, but will also receive a certificate of recognition from the Department of Defense for their contribution to this important endeavor.

There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit for either contest. All entries must be received by **April 8, 2011**. All submissions must include your full name, branch of service (if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address (if applicable). Defense Human Resource Activity personnel and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate in these contests.

Challenge.gov is administered by the [U.S. General Services Administration](#) (GSA) in partnership with [ChallengePost](#). The site brings together the best talents and ideas of the American public to make the government's efforts the very best they can be.

2011 U.S. Embassy Holiday Schedule

The U.S. Embassy and the Consular Agencies will be closed on the following U.S. and Bolivian holidays:

President's Day	February 21
Carnival	March 7 & 8
Good Friday	April 22
Labor Day	May 2
Memorial Day	May 30
Aymara New Year	June 21
Corpus Christi	June 23
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day (U.S.)	September 5
Cochabamba Day (only in Cochabamba)	September 14
Columbus Day	October 10
All Saints Day	November 2
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 24